

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature. Thank you Senator Savage. I don't believe that the mere words, fine arts museum, will determine what an establishment is. You would have to use facts to establish a certain category or a certain classification of operation, then I believe any organization which could by presenting facts could establish that it fit within that classification would be entitled to all of the rights and privileges of any operation in that category. I don't think the mere word, fine arts museum, are sufficient to separate Joslyn Memorial from every other type museum which may set up and operate in a similar fashion. However, if those are magic words, then all that would have to be done is to have an incorporation which would use those magic abracadabra words. I still say that in principle an operation which supposedly is dedicated to the principles and ideals which the Joslyn pretends to be dedicated to ought not be given the right by the state to sell liquor. I'll tell you this much, if the Legislature votes to further expand the number of establishments, and remember this is a different type of establishment, which can sell liquor, then I think it would be highly hypocritical for this Legislature to turn around and pass any bill dealing with alcohol treatment or trying to decriminalize alcoholism. It is being endorsed and it is being advocated by the Legislature. It is being endorsed and advocated by those supposedly high minded people who support and frequent fine arts museums. Whereas I don't think any money ought to be expended by this Legislature for alcohol treatment. I think that the Legislature should allow everybody to consume alcohol who is allowed to attend a fine arts museum. You're putting both of the principles side by side. How are you going to tell the young people and others on one hand that we want to raise your level of consciousness and awareness of your humanity and develop you as a total person by the projects we have in the fine arts museum, but on the other hand we want you to shun and avoid the utilization of what it takes for us to fund this operation. If you pass this bill across, then I'm going to find out just how sincere we are about allowing Joslyn to function, since it's having a problem. I promise you that I'm going to offer an amendment to allow them to sell marijuana on at least three occasions during the year to raise money. I will establish to you that marijuana is far less harmful than alcohol. I'm going to call some people hypocrites if they don't go for it. The means is being justified by the end and that is utilitarianism in it's crassest form. You're saying that for an end you consider valid, any means of reaching that end is alright. Supposedly in a society like this one, you do not adhere to the philosophy of the end justifying the means whatever those means may be. I see an inherent unreconcilable contradiction in what the Legislature is attempting to do this morning.

PRESIDENT: One minute, Senator.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You can do it, because it only takes 25 to do it. But there are some things that may be made legal which nevertheless are not right. I'm concerned as much with what is right as I am with what the Legislature declares to be legal. I'm opposed to the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Dworak.